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SUBJECT: GENERAL— ALBANIA/OBHUNT

SPECIFIC— FRIDAY Mission Progress Report for the Period
15 May through 14 June 1954

REF: SGAA 10182 KAPOK 2619, 24 May 1954

Headquarters' Action Required

Decision on the re-mounting of
FRIDAY mission Phase I

Synopsis

FRIDAY team training was completed, the team was briefed, mounted, exfiltrated and was debriefed during this period.

The team failed to contact AIPIGEON due to his absence from his house on the first attempt and the team discovery by residents of the area on their second attempt.

Detailed reporting on developments during this period was forwarded in the following dispatches:

- a. Briefing SGAA 10427, KAPOK 2661
- b. Casing of infiltration area and team delivery rendezvous point SGAA 10428, KAPOK 2662 Enclosure A
- c. Log of service vessel voyage to rendezvous point SGAA 10428, KAPOK 2662 Enclosure B
- d. Report on delivery of team to penetration point SGAA 10428, KAPOK 2662 Enclosure C
- e. Debriefing SGAA 10429, KAPOK 2663
- f. Discussion of security and mechanics of mission SGAA 10430, KAPOK 2664
- g. Answers to questions posed in SGAW 4966, KAPOK 363 24 May 1954 were forwarded in SGAA 10431 KAPOK 2665.

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15 May

1. [] went to OBATLANTIS to give team the preliminary briefing. This briefing was substantially as forwarded in SGAA 10427, KAPOK 2661.

17 May

2. [] returned from OBATLANTIS to report that the team members had copied the various parts of the briefing each received almost verbatim to study during the ensuing week. He also reported that RNDOLLAR objected to teaching AIPIGEON S/W on the first infiltration on the ground that this, in addition to the other material that must be covered, would be too much. We decided to accept RNDOLLAR's judgment on this point.

3. [] reviewed plans for the mounting of FRIDAY with [] who was in Athens. Methods of communication between [] who would be with the team, [] who would be in Ioannina, [] in Athens and [] aboard the service vessel were given special attention. [] reviewed the OBOPUS/KYP meeting of 14 May with [] re: KYP/OBOPUS co-operation at border during reconnaissance. [] and [] were instructed to accept KYP suggestions gracefully and to scrub the mission if necessary if any serious differences arose.

18 May

4. [] and [] left for Ioannina to reconointer the border and select a rendezvous point for pick-up of the team from the service vessel. Details of this trip may be found in Enclosure A to SGAA 10428, KAPOK 2662.

19 May

5. "False Clues" for use against dogs were received from Frankfurt.

21 May

6. Visel M. Dule reported in Athens from Lavrion at our request and was interviewed by [] on questions raised by RNDOLLAR regarding army installations in the operational area. [] received answers to the pertinent questions while disguising his interest with many other lines of interrogation during an hour interview. (Dule was the refugee reported in SGAA 9492, 13 April 1954)

22 May

7. [] returned from Ioannina.

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24 May

8. [] and [] went to OBATLANTIS for the final briefing or team and check of equipment for sterility and condition. The final briefing was forwarded in SGAA 10427, KAPOK 2661. We regret that its dispatch was delayed by a typing backlog.

25 May

9. [] and [] returned from OBATLANTIS

26 May

10. The service vessel left OBATLANTIS for the rendezvous point at 1600 with [] [] [], AIRLOCK as radioman, three crew members and team aboard. A log of this voyage may be found in Enclosure B to SGAA 10428, KAPOK 2662.

27 May

11. The service vessel arrived at rendezvous point on schedule and the team was delivered to KIP.

28 May

12. Team surveyed the border area with [] and prepared to infiltrate. Team lost its bearings at the border during the evening and the decision was made to delay infiltration a day.

29 May

13. Team again surveys border during the day and infiltrates in the evening. (A detailed account of the developments mentioned in paras 11, 12, and 13 may be found in Enclosure C to SGAA 10428, KAPOK 2662.

30 May

14. Team surveys operational area during the day and makes unsuccessful attempt at contacting AIPIGEON in evening.

31 May

15. Team hid all day and is thwarted in second attempt to contact AIPIGEON by a challenge from two civilians. Team begins exfiltration.

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1 June

16. Team out - contact made by RNDOLLAR with KYP and team delivered to safehouse.

3 June

17. Team picked up by [] and [] and returned to Anapolis safe-house.

4 June

18. Debriefing of team by [] and [] commences.

5,7,8 June

19. Debriefing continues.

9. June

20. RNDOLLAR was LCFLUTTERED by [] with [] Results were inconclusive.

10,11 June

21. [] and [] see team, critique their mission, clear up unanswered questions and arrange with [] for placement of team members in secure locations.

12 June

22. RNDOLLAR and AIRRED were delivered to [] for transfer to Patras and the island of Kythnos respectively. AIKNAVE remained at Anapolis as [] had not had time to arrange for his return to Vilia from whence he came.

Comment

23. The debriefing mentioned above was forwarded in SGAA 10429, KAPOK 2663. Comment included in the various dispatches referred to in this report seems conclusive at this time. We very much regret having to report this failure.

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3 July 1954

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